GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker – NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada City – Detention of Sri Pentuponi Durga Prasad @ Jastin prasad, S/o Arjun(late), A/25yrs, C/Gowda, Block.No.189, FF-5, YSR Colony, Jakkampudi, Vijayawada Rural of NTR Police Commissionerate, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1023 Dated: 09-09-2025

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018.
2. From the Commissioner of Police & Additional District Magistrate, NTR District, Vijayawada, C.No.1798/M1/CP-NTR Police Commissionerate/2025, dt.05.06.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada City has reported that adverting to the above subject, Inspector of Police, II Town PS has placed before the Commissioner Of Police, Vijayawada City and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Pentuponi Durga Prasad @ Jastin prasad, S/o Arjun(late), A/25yrs, C/Gowda, Block.No.189, FF-5, YSR Colony, Jakkampudi, Vijayawada Rural of NTR Police Commissionerate, Andhra Pradesh (hereinafter referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988).

2. He is a habitual offender of illicit ganja/cannabis trafficking, and generally operates along with his accomplices. Currently, he is actively involved in the clandestine business of smuggling cannabis(Ganja) from tribal areas of Vishakhapatnam District, to the Vijayawada city and its surroundings. Despite facing several cases booked against him, he continues to commit offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. He engages in the purchase, storage, sale and illicit trafficking of cannabis(Ganja) in territorial jurisdiction of NTR Police Commissionerate and its neighboring districts. Further submitted that the detenue is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the drug consumers are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

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3. Sri Pentuponi Durga Prasad @ Jastin prasad, S/o Arjun(late), A/25yrs, C/Gowda, Block.No.189, FF-5, YSR Colony, Jakkampudi, Vijayawada Rural of NTR Police Commissionerate, Andhra Pradesh does not hold any license or permit to deal with any Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. There is a statutory ban on the production, purchase, storage, transport and sale of cannabis. Despite the ban on illicit drug traffic, Sri Pentuponi Durga Prasad @ Jastin prasad, S/o Arjun(late), along with his associates, engages in clandestine procurement, possession, transport, and sale of cannabis. The detenue and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. The use and consumption of cannabis pose a severe threat to public health, leading to widespread danger to public lives and resulting in severe psychotic disorders. Therefore, he is involved in "illicit traffic" under Sec.2 (e) (iii) of the Prevention of illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988and his actions are prejudicial to Public Health.

4. Several cases were registered against Sri Pentuponi Durga Prasad @ Jastin prasad, S/o Arjun(late), A/25yrs, C/Gowda, Block.No.189, FF-5, YSR Colony, Jakkampudi, Vijayawada Rural of NTR Police Commissionerate, Andhra Pradesh at different police stations in NTR District. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988), to detain the said individual (detenue) and deter him from committing further criminal activities. He was accused in the following cases:-

S. No. (1)	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station (2)	Ganja Seized (in Kg's) (3)	Stage of the Case (4)
1.	Cr.No.29/2023 u/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act-1985 of Narsipatnam Town PS, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh	8.0 Kg	Charge Sheet Filed
2.	Cr.No.414/2024, U/s &(C) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS ACT- 1985 of II Town PS, Vijayawada.	3.5 Kg	Pending Trial
3.	Cr.No.466/2024, U/s &(C) r/w 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS ACT- 1985 of II Town PS, Vijayawada	3.0 Kg	Pending Trial

5. GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:

<u>1.Cr.No.29/2023 U/s 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act of Narsipatnam Town PS, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh:</u>

This is a case of illegal possession, transportation, and sale of ganja.

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This is a case of apprehension of the accused, when they found malignant act likely to spread infection of disease dangerous to like and coupled with noxious food, arrest & seizure of the Ganja [Narcotic drug] that occurred on 26-01-2023 at about 04.45 hrs near Chekkavari Petrol bunk, Narsipatnam and reported on the same day at 07.00 hrs. Where in the accused A1) Pilli Saikumar @ Sai, S/o Venkata Apparao, age 22 yrs, caste by Settibalija, AC Mechanic R/o Ravi chettu Center, Kothapeta, Vijayawada A2) Prasad @Justin Prasad, S/o Durga Prasad, age 22 yrs, caste by Gowda R/o YSR Colony, Jakkampudi, Vijayawada were apprehended with 8 kgs of contraband Ganja in four packets kept in one Luggage bag. A1 was caught by Police and A2 was absconding from there. On questing the accused A1 while transporting the ganja Kokkirapalli of G.Madugula agency area and produced from A3-Gemmeli Badram, S/o Neelanna R/o Palamamidi, Kokkirapalli, G, Madugula and towards Vijayawada. A1 was arrested and sent for remand. Hence FIR.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt., Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that is GANJA and Charge Sheet was filed in MSJ Court, Vishakhapatnam on dt:-09/10/2023. C.F.No is awaited.

2. Cr.No.414/2024, U/s &(C) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS ACT- 1985 II Town PS, of NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada:

This is a case of illegal possession, transportation, and sale of ganja. This is a case of apprehension of the accused, when they found malignant act likely to spread infection of disease dangerous to like and coupled with noxious food, arrest & seizure of the Ganja [Narcotic drug] that occurred on 30.09.2024 at about 15.00 hours at bushes beside Railway Track behind Masjid in YSR Colony, Jakkampudi Panchayat, Vijayawada Rural Mandal, in which, the accused are in possession of Ganja [Narcotic drug] for selling for their wrongful gains and that they were arrested in the presence of the mediators and seized 3500 grams of ganja under the cover of the mediators report. Drafted the mediators report same as FIR.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt., Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that is GANJA and Case is in PT vide SC No.255/2024 in the Hon'ble MSJ Court, Vijayawada.

3. Cr.No.466/2024 U/s 8(C) r/w 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS ACT – 1985 of II Town PS, Vijayawada:

This is a case of illegal possession, transportation, and sale of ganja. This is a case of apprehension of the accused, when they found malignant act likely to spread infection of disease dangerous to like and coupled with noxious food, arrest & seizure of the Ganja [Narcotic drug] that occurred on

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03.11.2024 at 17.00 hours at vacant place beside under constructing building beside Prasad Theatre, Sairam Center, Chittinagar, Vijayawada, in which, the accused are in possession of Ganja [Narcotic drug] for selling for their wrongful gains and that the accused A1 to A4 were arrested in the presence of the mediators and seized 03 Kgs of ganja under the cover of the mediators report. Drafted the mediators report same as FIR.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt. Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that is GANJA and Charge sheet was filed. This case is Pending Trail vide SC No.39/2025 dated 07.03.2025 in the Hon'ble MSJ Court, Vijayawada.

6. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is an "illicit trafficker" as classified under section 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988(PITNDPS Act, 1988) and acting prejudicial to the maintenance of the Public Health.

7. The other following cases that registered against Sri Pentuponi Durga Prasad @ Jastin prasad, S/o Arjun(late), A/25yrs, C/Gowda, Block.No.189, FF-5, YSR Colony, Jakkampudi, Vijayawada Rural of NTR Police Commissionerate, Andhra Pradesh State as stated below:

S.No	Cr.No., Sec of law & Name of the Police Station	Stage of the Case
1.	Cr.No.168/2019 U/s 380 IPC of Gannavaram PS, Vijayawada City	Compromised
2.	Cr.No.721/2022 U/S 379 IPC oF II Town of Vijayawada City	Compromised
3.	Cr.No.541/2024 U/s 308(2), 329(4), 351(2) r/w 3(5) BNS of II Town of Vijayawada City	Under Investigation

8. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading by the accused Sri Pentuponi Durga Prasad @ Jastin prasad, S/o Arjun(late), A/25yrs, C/Gowda, Block.No.189, FF-5, YSR Colony, Jakkampudi, Vijayawada Rural of NTR Police Commissionerate, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act, 1988).

9. Sri Pentuponi Durga Prasad @ Jastin prasad, S/o Arjun(late), A/25yrs, C/Gowda, Block.No.189, FF-5, YSR Colony, Jakkampudi, Vijayawada Rural of NTR Police Commissionerate, Andhra Pradesh along with his associates, do frequently commit offenses without any hesitation. He is an active member and has been involved in various cases that adversely affect the day-to-day administration of police officials, and his activities can become detrimental to both the police and

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the public. The detenue and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

10. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illegal activities of the accused under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Vijayawada and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately Public Health.

11. The offender repeatedly resorts to illicit drug Traffic offenses for easy and quick money with small investments, disregarding the penalties under the NDPS Act, 1985. Catching the offenders is a difficult and laborious process requiring meticulous planning and many man-hours, making it impossible to prevent the immediate recurrence of similar activities. These activities adversely affect the community, creating insecurity and danger to the public's life and health, causing a disturbance in the locality, and impacting public health.

12. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Excise) Department under section 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms. No. 131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Pentuponi Durga Prasad @ Jastin prasad, S/o Arjun(late), A/25yrs, C/Gowda, Block.No.189, FF-5, YSR Colony, Jakkampudi, Vijayawada Rural of NTR Police Commissionerate, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

13. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Pentuponi Durga Prasad @ Jastin prasad, S/o Arjun(late), A/25yrs, C/Gowda, Block.No.189, FF-5, YSR Colony, Jakkampudi, Vijayawada Rural of NTR Police Commissionerate, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a representation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

14. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison,

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Rajamahendravaram/Nellore until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNER OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Superintendent, Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore.
Copy to:
Sri Pentuponi Durga Prasad @ Jastin prasad, S/o Arjun(late), A/25yrs, C/Gowda, Block.No.189, FF-5, YSR Colony, Jakkampudi, Vijayawada Rural of NTR Police Commissionerate, Andhra Pradesh (Through Inspector of Police, II Town PS)
The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
The Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada.
The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favor of kind information.
The Inspector of Police, II Town PS, Vijayawada City (To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).
The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favor of information.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.
The PS to the Secretary to Govt., Law Department.
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